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MOSCOW, NOV. 16 (REUTERS)--SOVIET JOURNALIST VIKTOR

MAYEVSKY, IN AN ARTICLE WRITTEN FOR THE TASS NEWS AGENCY, TODAY DESCRIBED "THE PENKOVSKY PAPERS," PUBLISHED IN WASHINGTON AND LONDON, AS "THE LATEST MASTERPIECE PRODUCED BY THE C.I.A. (THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY)."

HE WAS REFERRING TO THE BOOK BY COL. OLEG PENKOVSKI, A SOVIET OFFICER EXECUTED IN 1963 ON CHARGES OF SPYING FOR BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES. EXCERPTS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE WASHINGTON POST.

MAYEVSKY, WHO IS KNOWN FOR HIS POLEMICAL AND SATIRICAL ARTICLES, DISMISSED PENKOVSKI'S ACCOUNT OF THE SOVIET ESPIONAGE APPARATUS AS "A TALL STORY FROM THE CLOAK-AND-DAGGER ESTABLISHMENT."

HE DECLARED THAT THE C.I.A., HAVING MADE ITSELF "THE LAUGHING STOCK OF EVERYBODY" BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS FAILURES, HAD NOW RESORTED TO "A SHAMELESS FALSIFICATION...THE LATEST ANTI-SOVIET ORGERY OF THE AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE IS SURPRISINGLY CLUMSY." MAYEVSKY WENT ON:

"WHAT IS THE VALUE, FOR INSTANCE, OF THE C.I.A. ASSERTION ON BEHALF OF PENKOVSKI THAT IN 1961 THE SOVIET UNION HAD NO MISSILES THAT COULD HIT PRECISE TARGETS AT DISTANCES OVER 4,500 KILOMETERS?"

"IT WAS AN OPEN SECRET AT THE TIME THAT AS EARLY AS JANUARY-JULY 1960...THE SOVIET UNION CARRIED OUT TESTS IN THE PACIFIC, AND THE RANGE OF THE MISSILES LAUNCHED EXCEEDED 12,000 KILOMETERS WITH A DEVIATION FROM THE TARGET OF NO MORE THAN ONE KILOMETER."

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THE SOVIET WRITER CONTINUED: "IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO LIST ALL THE BALDERDASH ONE MEETS ON EVERY PAGE OF THE LATEST MASTERPIECE PRODUCED BY THE C.I.A. THIS WAS OBVIOUSLY THE REASON WHY THE WASHINGTON POST THOUGHT IT ADVISABLE TO NOTE THAT PENKOVSKI WAS NOT NORMAL...."

"DOES WASHINGTON REALLY BELIEVE THAT NOW, WHEN F.B.I. AGENTS ARE KEEPING AN EYE ON C.I.A. AGENTS, THE C.I.A. WILL AVOID NEW FLOPS? THIS WOULD BE INDULGING IN ILLUSIONS."

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